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Tientsin formed 37 groups totaling more than 1,000 cadres to inspect progress of tax collection during the "examine self and revise reports" movement. Many merchants were uncooperative.(1,4)

The Wu-han Tax Bureau spot checked 524 firms during July and discovered 440 cases of tax evasion. In one case during a 2-month period, 11 grain distributors had cheated the government out of taxes totaling more than 70,000 catties of grain. Wu-han merchants had also charged above the list price, falsified declarations of quality, etc.(1,5)

Mukden reported that 95.2 percent of 974 private businesses illegally withheld income tax money and that about 50 percent of the firms falsified figures on business turnover.(6)

In Southwest China it was reported that 50-70 percent of all private enterprises were guilty of tax evasion; in some localities the figure reached 90 percent. In Ch'eng-tu during the first quarter of 1953, a total of 183 shops out of 193 were guilty of illegal procedures in their tax payments. In Chungking, 60-80 percent of the merchants evaded or concealed taxes. The movement to stop such activities was being strengthened in these areas.(4)

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